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**ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
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**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020**

**4:37 O'CLOCK P.M.**

**SENATE**  
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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
 Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Maywood, Illinois, presiding.

The Journal of Wednesday, March 27, 2019, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Thursday, March 28, 2019, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Wednesday, April 3, 2019, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Thursday, April 4, 2019, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Tuesday, April 9, 2019, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

Senator Hunter moved that reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 20, 2020, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

The motion prevailed.

## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1170**

Offered by Senator Manar and all Senators:  
 Mourns the death of Ethel Gene Behrens of Bunker Hill.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1171**

Offered by Senator Manar and all Senators:  
 Mourns the death of Doris Emalyn Karnes of Bunker Hill.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1172**

Offered by Senator Manar and all Senators:  
 Mourns the death of Phyllis June Spurney of Sawyerville.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1173**

Offered by Senator Manar and all Senators:  
 Mourns the death of Catherine Elizabeth Loveless of Brighton.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1174**

Offered by Senator Manar and all Senators:  
 Mourns the death of Joseph Patrick "Joe" Koval of Staunton.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1175**

Offered by Senator Manar and all Senators:  
 Mourns the death of Mario Raymond Dal Pozzo of Staunton.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1176**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
 Mourns the death of Rosemarie Schliesske of Oak Park.

### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1177**

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Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Violet L. Chisholm of Oak Park.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1178**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Alan A. Amato of Berwyn.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1179**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Elizabeth “Beth Ann” O’Reilly-Amandes.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1180**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Sally Stovall.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1181**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Dr. Chafick “Chad” Nicholas Mansour.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1185**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of John M. “Jack” Ryan.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1186**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of John Doyle.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1187**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Donald J. “Don” Carter of Oak Park.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1188**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of John Henry Crawford, Jr., of Oak Park.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1189**

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1191**

Offered by Senators McConchie – DeWitte – Wilcox and all Senators:  
Mourns the death of Mayor Aaron T. Shepley of Crystal Lake.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Senator Hastings offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1182**

WHEREAS, Reliable, clean, and affordable electricity is vital to Illinois for economic growth, jobs, and the overall interests of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' nuclear power plants provide over half of the State's total electricity generation and are licensed to generate affordable electricity for Illinois families and businesses into the future; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois had the twentieth lowest average price of electricity across all sectors in 2019, and low-cost energy resources give the State a significant advantage for attracting and retaining businesses of all kinds and provide reliable electricity to Illinois families; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear plants help Illinois avoid 45 million metric tons of carbon emissions each year, equivalent to almost 10 million cars or 70% of current State carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, Within Illinois, six nuclear plants comprise approximately 54% of the State's generation and 29% of its generating capacity; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' nuclear plants account for \$149 million in estimated annual State tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Industry analysts and consultants, academic analyses and studies, and market publications have reached various conclusions regarding the economic viability of the Braidwood, Byron, Dresden, and LaSalle nuclear power plants; the shutdown of one or more of these valuable assets prior to its license expiration will most likely cause economic, social, and environmental harm to Illinois families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Closing even a few nuclear power plants could make achieving State and national carbon reduction goals difficult or impossible; and

WHEREAS, It is of the highest importance that the State of Illinois preserve its existing clean energy resources as a means of achieving its clean energy goals, keeping energy costs stable and reliable, and preserving jobs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois Commerce Commission to prepare a report examining the impact on residential, commercial, and industrial electric rates from the closure of Illinois' Braidwood, Byron, Dresden, and LaSalle nuclear power plants prior to the expiration of their respective licenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Power Agency to prepare a report showing how the closure of the Braidwood, Byron, Dresden, and LaSalle nuclear power plants prior to the expiration of their respective licenses will affect reliability and capacity for the Midwest region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the findings in those reports to include potential market-based solutions to address any negative impacts on residential, commercial, and industrial electric rates, the negative affect on reliability and capacity for the Midwest region, and the negative environmental impacts from the closure of Illinois' nuclear power plants prior to the expiration of their respective licenses, including an examination of a Fixed Resource Requirement that prioritizes carbon-free generators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the findings in those reports to include multiple scenarios, wherein one, two, three, and four of these nuclear power plants close prior to the expiration of their respective licenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the findings from those reports to be presented to the General Assembly and the Governor before November 10, 2020 for consideration and appropriate action; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, Director of the Illinois Power Agency Anthony Star, and Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission Carrie Zalewski.

Senator Hastings offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1183**

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WHEREAS, Reliable, clean, and affordable electricity is vital to Illinois' economic growth, jobs, and the overall interests of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' nuclear power plants provide over half of the State's total electricity generation and are licensed to generate affordable electricity for Illinois families and businesses into the future; and

WHEREAS, Illinois had the twentieth lowest average price of electricity across all sectors in 2019, and low-cost energy resources give the State a significant advantage for attracting and retaining businesses of all kinds and provide reliable electricity to Illinois families; and

WHEREAS, The premature closure of nuclear power plants could increase electric prices for families and businesses by up to \$483,000,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear plants help Illinois avoid 45 million metric tons of carbon emissions each year, equivalent to almost 10 million cars or 70% of current State carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, Within Illinois, six nuclear plants comprise approximately 54% of the State's generation and 29% of its generating capacity; and

WHEREAS, Illinois nuclear plants account for \$149 million in estimated annual Illinois State tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Industry analysts and consultants, academic analyses and studies, and market publications have reached various conclusions regarding the economic viability of some Illinois nuclear power plants; the premature shutdown of one or more of these valuable assets will most likely cause economic, social, and environmental harm to Illinois families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Closing even a few nuclear power plants could make achieving State and national carbon reduction goals difficult or impossible; and

WHEREAS, It is of the highest importance that the State of Illinois preserve its existing clean energy resources as a means of achieving its clean energy goals, keeping energy costs stable and reliable, and preserving jobs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge PJM Interconnection, LLC to expeditiously adopt market rules and policies that will ensure the continued operation of the existing fleet of nuclear power plants in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge PJM Interconnection, LLC to prepare a report showing how the premature closure of the Braidwood, Byron, Dresden, and LaSalle nuclear power plants in Illinois will affect reliability and capacity for the Midwest region and the impact on wholesale electric rates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the findings of this report to include potential market-based options that could ensure that the premature closure of these nuclear power plants does not occur and that the dire consequences to the economy, jobs, and the environment would be averted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the findings from those reports to be presented to the General Assembly and the Governor before November 10, 2020 for consideration and appropriate action; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor J.B. Prizker and Manu Asthana, President and Chief Executive Officer of PJM Interconnection, LLC.

Senator Bush offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1184**

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WHEREAS, The combination of an opioid overdose crisis and COVID-19 has created a situation in Illinois where epidemic meets pandemic; and

WHEREAS, A stay-at-home order has created a lack of physical access to addiction support and harm reduction groups during the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Those unfortunate circumstances increase the risk of overdose deaths in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Social isolation is an additional mental health and physical burden on people with substance abuse issues; and

WHEREAS, During this time, there is a lack of healthcare capacity as hospitals focus their priorities and resources on treating thousands of COVID-19 patients; and

WHEREAS, In addition, patients have limited availability to see their doctors during COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Currently, counties in Illinois are seeing a significant increase in overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, Many states are taking action to increase access to naloxone; and

WHEREAS, Co-prescription of naloxone with high dose opioid prescriptions has been approved in nine states, resulting in a decrease in overdose deaths; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), and all other relevant agencies and boards are urged to examine the rise in opioid overdoses due to COVID-19; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the IDPH, the IDHS, and all other relevant agencies and boards are urged to propose changes to prescription rules to include co-prescription of opioid antagonists such as naloxone to high risk groups as defined by current CDC guidelines to increase access to naloxone; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois is urged to approve rules, policies, and legislation that would increase access to naloxone and save the lives of those most at risk to overdose during COVID-19.

Senator Stadelman offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1190**

WHEREAS, The spread of COVID-19 has caused a massive disruption to the global, national, and local economies, resulting in unprecedented job loss and an increase in unemployment insurance claims; and

WHEREAS, Job losses carry a high price for individuals and the economy at large, which includes workers having less or no income to support their families, workers losing access to health insurance, paid leave, and other employment benefits, and employers having to spend valuable time and money when they rebuild their workforce in the future; and

WHEREAS, One existing program designed to keep workers employed but ease the strains of an economic downturn and to speed economic recovery is the Short-Time Compensation (STC) Program, also known as worksharing; and

WHEREAS, The STC Program is a lay-off aversion program in which an employer, under a state-approved plan, reduces the hours for a group of workers, and these workers in turn receive a reduced unemployment benefit payment; and

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WHEREAS, The STC Program would preserve employees' jobs and employers' trained workforces during a disruption to the firm's regular business activity by reducing hours of work for an entire group of affected employees, rather than by laying off some employees while others continue to work full time; and

WHEREAS, Research estimates the STC Program could prevent up to 124,000 COVID-19 related layoffs in the State, saving the State over \$1 billion dollars in unemployment insurance payments; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the General Assembly passed legislation authorizing the Department of Employment Security to establish by rule an STC Program, but such program was never established; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the federal government recognized the benefit and wide support for STC programs during economic downturns and included funding for state STC programs in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and

WHEREAS, The CARES Act provides appropriations to temporarily reimburse states for STC program payments under an existing or new STC program for weeks of unemployment ending on or before December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The State could receive a grant of up to \$4,187,442 to implement, administer, and promote enrollment in an Illinois STC Program; and

WHEREAS, The State should also be entitled to have as much as 100% of the monies paid to the workers of Illinois under the STC Program reimbursed by the federal government, while effectively easing burdens on employers and keeping individuals employed during these difficult times; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,** that the Department of Employment Security is urged to seek certification of Section 502 of the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act from the Secretary of Labor under Section 303 of the Social Security Act and Section 3304 of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act and is urged to apply for the grants made available under Section 2110 of the CARES Act before December 31, 2023, in order to implement, administer, and promote the STC Program; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Department of Employment Security is urged to immediately seek an agreement with the United States Department of Labor to enact the STC Program in accordance with Section 502 of the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act, Section 2108 of the CARES Act, and any additional federal rules and regulations to obtain the maximum amount of federal monies available for such program and benefits; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the STC Program enacted by the Department of Employment Security should not provide benefits to any seasonal, temporary, or intermittent employee, as is required by federal law, and should not charge any employer for any claims that are 100% federally reimbursable; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, Acting Director of the Department of Employment Security Thomas Chan, Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3995.** Introduced by Senator Bush, a bill for AN ACT concerning revenue. The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 3996.** Introduced by Senator Hastings, a bill for AN ACT concerning utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

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Senator Muñoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, moved that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session to consider the report of that Committee relative to the appointment messages.

The motion prevailed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senator Muñoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred Appointment Message 1010080, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment:

#### Appointment Message No. 1010080

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly:

The Executive Ethics Commission is nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

Title of Office: Director

Agency or Other Body: Illinois Power Agency

Start Date: March 16, 2019

End Date: March 15, 2021

Name: Anthony Star

Residence: 1524 E. 59th St., Apt. A2, Chicago, IL 60637

Annual Compensation: \$119,370

Per diem: Not Applicable

Nominee's Senator: Senator Robert Peters

Most Recent Holder of Office: Reappointment

Superseded Appointment Message: Not Applicable

Senator Muñoz moved that the Senate advise and consent to the foregoing appointment. And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

YEAS 53; NAYS None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Anderson	Ellman	Lightford	Sims
Aquino	Feigenholtz	Link	Stadelman
Barickman	Fine	Manar	Steans
Belt	Fowler	Martinez	Stewart
Bennett	Gillespie	McClure	Syverson
Bertino-Tarrant	Glowiak Hilton	McConchie	Tracy
Brady	Harris	Morrison	Villanueva
Bush	Hastings	Muñoz	Villivalam
Castro	Holmes	Oberweis	Weaver
Crowe	Hunter	Peters	Wilcox

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Cullerton, T.	Jones, E.	Plummer	Mr. President
Cunningham	Joyce	Rezin	
Curran	Koehler	Righter	
DeWitte	Landek	Schimpf	

The motion prevailed.

Whereupon the President of the Senate announced confirmation of the foregoing appointment.

On motion of Senator Muñoz, the Executive Session arose and the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Lightford, presiding.

At the hour of 4:58 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stands at ease.

**AT EASE**

At the hour of 8:55 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Lightford, presiding.

At the hour of 8:55 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Regular Session stands adjourned until Friday, May 22, 2020, at 10:35 o'clock a.m.